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WASHINGTON---The Newark Eagles defeated the Baltimore Elite Giants, 9-7, Friday night, in their only league game of the week to maintain a one-game edge in the second half Negro National League race over the fast traveling New York Cubans, who took undisputed possession of second place with a double win over the Baltimore Elite Giants, Sunday, in Baltimore.

The Cubans, riding high on a six-game victory streak, clipped the Elites, 12-6, behind a stellar pitching job by Barney Morris and Ray Scantlebury, then blanked the Giants, 5-0, in the seven-inning nightcap, with Bill Crue hurling two-hit ball.

In the only other loop contest played over the week end, the Philadelphia Stars nosed out the Black Yankees, 4-3, Saturday night. Walter Dennis' ninth-inning single drove across the winning tally, breaking a 3-all deadlock and giving the Stars a triumph--the Quaker Citians' first in their last five league starts.

The Elites ran into a slump with three straight setbacks after winning 20 out of their last 27 games, but are still only three games off the leaders' pace and figure to make things interesting for the Eagles and Cubans as the race moves into its climax within the next three weeks.

Leon Day, Newark's speedball ace, won over the Giants Friday night, though the Elites rapped him for 13 hits, one more than the Birds nicked Sam Figuera and Joe Black for, but three miscues hurt the Baltimore cause.

On Sunday, Morris and Scantlebury scattered nine hits while the Cubans were banging out 16 off Black and Romby, but again four errors hurt the Elites' advance, and in the second game Crue's two-hit hurling was enough to overshadow Andy Porter's nine-hit performance.

The Homestead Grays, idle inasmuch as league competition was concerned, nonetheless moved out of the cellar as the Black Yankees lost their only game of the week. The Grays, however, have five loop games on this week's schedule, three of them with the loo- leading Eagles, and one each with the Philly Stars and Baltimore Elite Giants.

Several of the NNL teams engaged in exhibition contests with western clubs on Sunday, with the Greys dividing a twin bill with the Kansas City Monarchs, at Washington, 2x1x winning 9-1, then losing 1-0, while in New York City, Memphis Red Sox edged the Black Yankees, 1-0, on Bill Carter's home run and Dan Bankhead's two-hit pitching, while the Newark Eagles beat the world champion Cleveland Buckeyes, 3-2, on Len Hocker's seven-hit pitching. A crowd of 12,000 saw the Gotham contests, while 7,000 witness the Washington games.

Earlier in the week, the Greys beat Memphis, 4-2, on a five-hit hurling stint by Eugene Smith.

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